

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for February 9, 2014

2014 Church Motto: "The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing." Zeph. 3:17

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Feb. 12 – Worship Team – 7:00 pm

Feb. 18 – Board of Directors meeting – 6:30 pm

	<u>Sunday, February 9</u>	<u>Sunday, February 16</u>
Message	Michael Howes	Michael Howes
Greeters	John H. and Kathryn Landis	Mim Eberly and Wes Newswanger

~2014 Dates for Witmer Heights Fellowship meals: Mar. 9, May 11, July 13, Nov. 9

~Prayer Requests for persons recovering from surgeries and/or under treatment

Ernie Mast, John Buckwalter, Ginny Ranck, Dan Wert

"Lord, you alone can heal me, you alone can save, and my praises are for you alone." ~Jeremiah 17:14

~Care Package Night for our college students was postponed due to inclement weather. Opportunity will be given on **Sunday, Feb. 9** for the children to make cards during Sunday school. Adults are invited to stop by after church (location will be announced) to make a card or write a note for each college student:

Laura Hoffer (Bethel) Sarah Hoffer (Messiah) Olivia Mast (EMU)

If you haven't already done so this past week, please bring your food and gift items along to church Sunday. Esther Mast will assemble and see that the boxes are either mailed or delivered this coming week.

~The Pastoral Search Team met with Bishop Jason on January 29 to begin the process of hiring a Pastor for our congregation. The first step, of course, is to find persons who would be a good fit for our congregation. We are opening this up to each of you to submit name(s) of pastors who you feel would be good candidates for Witmer Heights. Please give your suggestions in writing to one of the Search Team members. They are Neil Reinford, Marvin Weaver, Jon Stoltzfus, Madeline Mast, Shelby Swartley and Eileen Ranck. In addition to the name, please include contact information, i.e. address, email, phone, and a brief description of how you know him/her or why you feel he/she would be a good fit. Submit these recommendations by the third Sunday in March, which is March 16.

~A new procedure for finding teachers for the Adult Sunday school class will be implemented starting in March. Instead of the Grow Team finding teachers, a paper sign up list will be circulated on Sundays, or you can go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4BADAB2BA2FC1-adult> to sign up online.

Volunteers from within the class can select a date or multiple dates to teach. The theme for the spring quarter is *Jesus and the Scriptures: Understanding Jesus in the light of the Old Testament*. There will be 4 teacher's guides circulating so that all teachers have adequate time for preparation. If there are any dates with no teachers, those Sundays will be designated as a Fellowship Sunday.

~CONNECTIONS is for women of all ages and meets on Tuesday mornings in the fellowship hall at Mellinger Mennonite Church. **Tues., February 11**, the topic will be "**These Are a Few of My Favorite Things.**" Do you have a favorite household item, product, book, tool, etc.? Come and share your favorite things with the group.

News from other sources/agencies (next page)

~Share the following four employment opportunities with your friends looking for jobs....

~**The Parent and Preschool Center** is seeking a person to oversee childcare in the infant room on Tuesday mornings during Connections. Volunteers help. This is a paid staff position and is available immediately. For more information or to secure an application, call the Preschool office at 397-5717.

~**Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) is seeking a full time Volunteer Placement Coordinator.** Duties include, but are not limited to all short-term volunteer and long-term US volunteer placement on MDS responses. Applicants must be active in an Anabaptist church and committed to the Anabaptist faith and peace position. See the full job description at <http://mds.mennonite.net/about-us/employment>. Resumes may be sent to jobs@mds.mennonite.net or MDS, Attn: Human Resources, 583 Airport Rd, Lititz, PA 17543. Review of resumes begins immediately. Recruitment continues until the position is filled.

The Choice Books ministry has a full time job opportunity for a “New Account - Sales Person”. This person needs to be gifted in sales, self-motivated and have a heart for the ministry being done through Christian books being placed in the secular marketplace across this country. This position offers a good opportunity monetarily, as well as advancement as a key person in the organization. Interested persons should email Ray Brubaker at... brubakerr@pa.choicebooks.org.

~**Museum Store Manager & Special Events Coordinator**—The 1719 Hans Herr House & Museum is looking for a Museum Store Manager and Special Events Coordinator working 60% time year round. Applicants should send a resume and cover letter to director@hansherr.org. A detailed job description is available, by request. Applications are due by February 15, 2014.

~**Everence Lancaster is sponsoring Stewardship University - Saturday, March 1 at Lancaster Mennonite School:** Discover how you can live a God-honoring life of holistic stewardship. Learn ways that the time, talent, money, health and relationships God has given you can be used to enhance and deepen your faith! You can register online using this link. <http://www.everence.com/k2.aspx?id=17632> If you have questions, see Lisa King Kachel, our congregational representative.

~**Two Mennonite Historical Society Events...**

~**Auction of rare and used books** – The Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society holds the first of its 2014 bi-monthly auctions of rare and used books on Friday, February 14 between 6:30 and 9:00 pm. The auction features books relating to Anabaptist life, theology, and practice; Pennsylvania history; and Pennsylvania German life and language.

~**Blush and Thrill of the Chaste: What we learned from writing our nonfiction books**—Come to Mellinger Mennonite Church on **Monday, February 24**, at 7 pm to hear Valerie Weaver-Zercher and Shirley H. Showalter share their experience as Mennonite women writers. This event is free and open to the public.

~**Friendship Community is seeking providers for our LifeSharing program!**

Friendship Community is a faith-based ministry that provides residential services, care and support to adults with an intellectual disability. LifeSharing is a program that matches adults with disabilities with people and families willing to open up their home and lives for a long-term commitment. LifeSharing is an opportunity to provide ministry and receive a financial reimbursement. It's an exciting way to impact the life of a person with disabilities. All LifeSharing providers receive 24-hour support and continuous training. For information, contact Brian at 717-656-2466, ext. 171 or at bluzier@friendshipcommunity.net EOE”

~**Friendship Community 2014 events:**

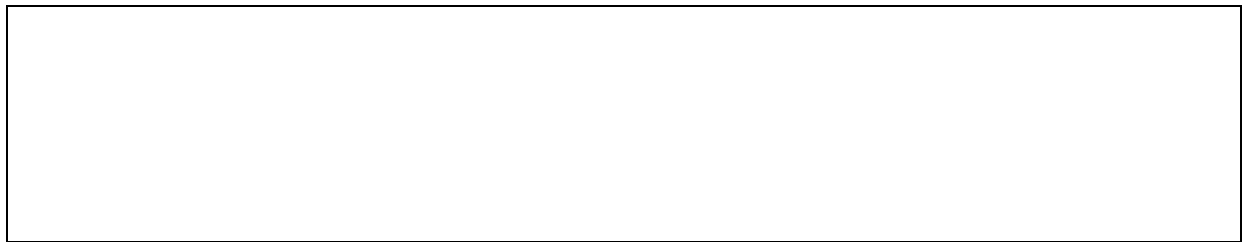
Feb. 28 – Friendship Heart Gallery Art Auction,
April 7 – Talent Night,
April 16 – Wenger Foundation Praise Dinner,
May 9/10 – Fest & Auction,

September 4 – Golf Classis,
October 24 – 42nd Anniversary Celebration
November 15 – Harmony Concert,
December 5 – Christmas Drama

Mennonite World Conference Global Assembly is coming to Harrisburg, PA, **July 21-26, 2015**. This gathering of 7,000 - 10,000 Mennonites and Brethren-in-Christ offers people in our area opportunities to host guests as well as serve in volunteer roles before or during the meetings. Begin considering how you and your family might participate. Please visit the MWC website at www.mwc-cmm.org and click on "Pennsylvania 2015" for more information and to apply now to be a host and/or volunteer. Printed paper copies of the application form are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Questions contact District representatives, Joe & Nancy Mast 717-399-3104. mastj@emu.edu

Update... Mennonite World Conference is still looking for 700 more guestrooms in private homes for the world assembly in Harrisburg in July 2015. Registration can be done on-line at www.mwc-cmm.org - click on the "Pennsylvania 2015" link. Registration for hosts is open through March 2014, so please consider signing up now. It is a wonderful opportunity to host our brothers and sisters from around the world.-Joe M.

~**The Lancaster Conference website** – www.lancasterconference.org contains information on many events being offered across the church and through various agencies. It is updated regularly. Most recent update was January 27. Feel free to check there for additional information.



This is the MDS Update for January 30, 2014

URGENT NEEDS

Sayreville, NJ: Head cook Feb. 17 - 28, crew leaders Feb. 3 - 28

High River, AB: Crew leader Feb. 8 - Mar. 8

Cooks needed in various locations for the month of March.

Crew leaders needed in various locations for the month of March.

For information about week-long volunteer opportunities call (800) 241-8111 or e-mail cruntz@mds.mennonite.net. For long-term volunteer opportunities (one month or longer), in the US call (800) 241-8111 or e-mail syoder@mds.mennonite.net, in Canada call (866) 261-1274 or e-mail epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net.

REGISTER NOW FOR ALL-UNIT MEETING

Come join us for fellowship, information and renewal at the 2014 Annual All-Unit Meeting in Bakersfield, CA, Friday and Saturday, February 7 - 8, 2014. Network and meet with MDS staff and volunteers from the US and Canada. Find information and registration at mds.mennonite.net or in the December issue of *Behind the Hammer*.

BASTROP, TEXAS Disaster: 2011 Wildfires

Our MDS crews did our best to continue the work on the homes in the midst of the icy conditions. Framing of the new home for Mr. Mike and Ms. Dusty was basically done by Thursday afternoon, just ahead of the worst of the weather. The house was dried-in and ready for electrical rough-in to begin. At Ms. Sandra's house the electrical crew finished up a good week. Power was on to the house and temporary lights brightened up the interior. This house is being turned over to the RV crew to finish. Click here to view photos from the [Bastrop project](#) on Facebook.

BASTROP, TEXAS: RV PROJECT Disaster: 2011 Wildfires

Ms. Lisa's house has seen quite a transformation this week. Don, Charlotte, Al and Glen completed hanging all the siding. Helen followed right behind them with the caulking and the paint. Doreen painted the concrete block pillars, preparing them to have the skirting applied.

BRAITHWAITE, LOUISIANA Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Isaac

On Monday morning materials were delivered and papers were signed to start Ms. Tana's renovation. The job will include installing a door, new roof and replacing two areas of flooring.

CRISFIELD, MARYLAND Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

We had sixteen volunteers from sunny Manitoba come to join us here and they worked hard and made good progress in spite of the wintery weather. Back in Manitoba it was even colder and stormier so it was still a good deal for them. We were blessed once again with good devotionals, and the challenge for this week was the reminder that we are not saved by good works, but once we are saved, good works will result. Progress on the homes was good again. Ms. Susie's house was a hive of activity all week, and though inside it still looks much the same there was a lot of mud put on the walls.

DULUTH, MINNESOTA Disaster: 2013 Floods

It is always fun to see how God brings just the right people to us at just the right time. This week we needed folks to hang drywall, and we had a great group of people from PA who were just right for the job! They were energetic enough to work all day and still have energy for a game of basketball, ping pong or kick ball in the evenings! Volunteers hung drywall on the ceiling and walls at Mr. Ray's house and also at Mr. Brian's and Ms. Pat's house.

Click here to see photos from the [Duluth project](#) on Facebook.

FAR ROCKAWAY, NEW YORK Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

We made great progress at Ms. Brenda and Mr. Leonard's home this week. The drywall was mostly finished, flooring was installed and the doors were hung. Kitchen cabinets were ordered, and we are hopeful for an early arrival so that we can get those into place. Our work has been complicated by extreme weather when pipes froze then burst in a client's home.

HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI Disaster: 2013 Tornadoes

We finished the windows at Ms. Wilda's home and put on restored or new trim that the ladies painted before it was hung. Last Thursday we began a new build and since there is no heat in the house as of yet, we found that our toes and hands soon became stiff. After putting the cold thoughts aside the group quickly installed the electrical boxes and strung the wiring throughout the house.

HIGH RIVER, ALBERTA Disaster: 2013 Flood

Volunteers began work at Mr. Daniel's house this week. There is some demolition work needed and then the framing can begin. Water flooded their basement and the main floor. This family had almost completed the adoption process for their first child...all papers were lost in the flood...they must begin the process all over again.

SAYREVILLE, NEW JERSEY Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

At Sister Eileen's house we finished the flooring, baseboard trim, radiator covers and painted the walls in her basement where all the damage had been. At Ms. Elizabeth's house we re-tarped the roof over the bedroom and received permits to begin work on a new wall and roof.

SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA Disaster: 2013 Tornadoes

Since the temperature was 15 degrees outside, the crew was happy when the day came to work inside of Mr. Ken's house. They hung and taped drywall, and got some mudding done. Mr. Charles also had drywall hung, taped and mudded, and, in addition, had some bad spots in his existing drywall repaired.

STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

The snow and cold weather delayed our start Monday for a couple of hours; however we had a very productive week. Some of our volunteers worked at Mr. Cartwright's home, mudding and painting the bathroom and finishing trim in the rest of house. Kitchen cabinets were installed and a vanity was installed in the bathroom. The entrance door and tile in bathroom were also finished. This home is near completion.

Contributions may be sent to:

USA: 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543 or

Can.: 6A-1325 Markham Rd, Winnipeg, MB R3T 4J6

